

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:** Thursday, April 28, 2005, 8:00 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS  
IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:** Jim Hewitt, V.J. Nelson, Patrick O'Donnell and Jeff Searcy present. **Karen Kilgarin, Thomas Laging, and Kim Todd absent.**

**Others:** Scott Weiskamp (Lincoln Public Schools); Bob Ripley (Capitol Administration); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Dept.)

**STATED PURPOSE  
OF THE MEETING:** Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Chair Jeff Searcy called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

***Approval of meeting notes of February 24, 2005 and March 24, 2005***

Hewitt moved approval of the February 24, 2005 and March 24, 2005 meeting minutes; seconded by O'Donnell. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Nelson, O'Donnell and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging and Todd absent.

***Application by U-Stop for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 610 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street (10<sup>th</sup> Street at Lincoln Mall) in the Capitol Environs District.***

Searcy stated that last month there was not a quorum for the discussion for a sign at 610 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street on Lincoln Mall. The Commission encouraged them to not illuminate the sign on the north side, and informally recommended approval with illumination of the sign on the south side.

Hewitt moved approval of the sign with illumination on the south side and no illumination on the north side; seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Nelson, O'Donnell and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging and Todd absent.

***Application by Lincoln Public Schools for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a landscape plan for McPhee Elementary School, 820 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Capitol Environs District.***

Scott Weiskamp of Lincoln Public Schools began by stating that a little over a year ago, he was approached by the Parent Teacher Organization at McPhee Elementary to do some landscaping to enhance the facility. About a month ago, they informed him that they had the money and were ready to start the project. The other thing related to this project is that they did an addition to McPhee about 5 or 6 years ago. A portion of the parking lot is rock. They had been looking at a plan to surface the parking lot and put a fence around it. It is not screened, although the landscaping will help. The school district will fund the fencing project., but they would like to do both projects simultaneously.

Weiskamp then presented a drawing of the fence proposal and the landscape plan prepared by Campbell's Nursery. He noted that they would like to have minimum maintenance for the landscaping. Nelson asked who would maintain the landscaping. Weiskamp stated that it will be done by the school district.

Ripley noted that it would be valid to overlay the concepts of sidewalk alignment and tree placement. He would like to keep some semblance of the original plan for the Mall.

When asked about the budget, Weiskamp stated that he believes Campbell's Nursery has given a discount to the school for the plant materials and will donate their time to aid in the planting. The planting will be a parent/student event.

Ripley noted that the area is unsightly due to the overhead lines and equipment. He volunteered to communicate with Lincoln Electric System about getting this cleaned up.

O'Donnell noted that this is a good project and will enhance the environment, and he does not want to stifle any attempts to move forward with the project.

Zimmer suggested that the Commission could possibly recommend approval of the project on the south and east mall pending consultation with Kim Todd on plant material.

The Commission agreed to revisit the application next month.

### **Miscellaneous**

Zimmer stated that there has been continued discussion on the Downtown Master Plan. The public meetings in April were deferred for further discussions with various groups. The consultants emphasized that what they are presenting is a long range optimal plan, but are aware that everything is not achievable especially in the short term. There also have been discussions regarding the locations of the History Museum, Pershing Center and the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m.